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SUBJ: MBFR: US AIRCRAFT PLANS

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1. PURSUANT TO REF A, MISSION DID NOT REPEAT NOT PASS SUBSTANCE OF REF B TO UK AND FRG REPS DURING JULY 18 TRILATERAL.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT US EMBASSY LONDON DID PASS REF B TO UK AUTHORITIES PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REF A, BUT THAT US EMBASSY BONN HAS NOT REPEAT NOT PASSED REF B TO FRG.

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3. AT JULY 18 TRILATERAL (SEPTTEL), FRG REPS DID NOT REPEAT NOT PROVIDE COMPARABLE FIGURES ON FRG AIRCRAFT. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, THEY SAID THEY DOUBTED THAT FRG HOLDINGS OF NUCLEAR-CAPABLE AIRCRAFT WOULD RISE IN THE FUTURE, BUT COULD NOT SAY

WHETHER FRG HOLDINGS MIGHT FALL. PLANS COULD NOT BE PROVIDED
"BECAUSE THEY DO NOT EXIST."

4. SINCE UK IS WRITING THE PAPER FOR WHICH THESE FIGURES ARE
REQUIRED, IT IS ARGUABLE THAT THE UK HAS A NEED FOR THEM, BUT
THE FRG DOES NOT.

5. WE NOTE THAT DATA IN REF B COULD RAISE QUESTION IN ALLIES'
MIND OF POSSIBLE DECOUPLING AND HENCE OF US COMMITMENT TO EUROPEAN
DEFENSE. FURTHERMORE, THESE DATA, IF THEY REACHED THE EAST,
WOULD TEND TO REDUCE GREATLY THE NEGOTIATING VALUE OF OPTION III.

6. IN VIEW OF IMPACT OF NUCLEAR-STRIKE CAPABILITY IN NGA ON
MBFR OPTION III, WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT
COMMENTS IN THE DEFENSE PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE '75 ON DUAL
CAPABLE AIRCRAFT DEPLOYMENTS.

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